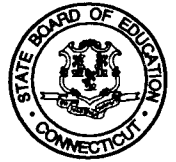




STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Cross Endorsements



Fact Sheet #108

1. I hold a valid teaching certificate in Connecticut. How do I add an additional endorsement to my certificate?

Teachers who hold a valid Connecticut teaching certificate within the endorsements areas of integrated early childhood special education, elementary education, middle grades education, secondary academic subjects, special subjects, or special education may cross endorse among these same endorsement areas provided that they complete appropriate Praxis II Subject-Knowledge Tests and course work requirements.

2. What assessment requirements must I complete?

You will need to complete the appropriate Praxis II Subject-Knowledge Tests for the subject you wish to add. Please refer to the Guide to Educator Assessments for specific details.

3. What course work requirements must I complete to add an additional endorsement?

Generally, the certification regulations require the completion of a total of 30 semester hours of credit (undergraduate or graduate) in the subject you wish to add. There are exceptions in the areas of integrated early childhood special education, remedial reading and language arts education, school library media specialist, world languages, and science (biology, chemistry, physics, earth science and general science). Specific course work requirements are identified under each section of the cross endorsement regulations. In some cases, field experiences, student teaching, or practica may be required. Please review each section of the regulations carefully. If no specific course work is listed, any course in that subject area is acceptable, provided that you meet the total number of credits listed.

4. Other than formal course work, are there alternative options, such as tests in lieu of course work?

You do have the option of taking a College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam. Successful completion of a CLEP exam must be posted on an official transcript for college credit from a regionally accredited institution. The Bureau of Certification and Professional Development will not accept CLEP examinations for course work which duplicates previous course work that has been already completed. For more information concerning CLEP exams, please contact Charter Oak State College at (860) 832-3800.

5. How do I obtain an additional endorsement in integrated early childhood special education and remedial reading and remedial language arts?

To be eligible for an additional endorsement in integrated early childhood special education (#112 and #113) or remedial reading and remedial language arts (#102), you will need to complete an approved teacher preparation program specifically in these areas and be recommended for certification. For further information regarding planned programs, please request the Guide to Educator Preparation Programs.

6. How do I obtain an additional endorsement for school library media specialist?

You will need to complete a total of 30 semester hours of graduate credit in school library media course work. A master's in Library Science is not sufficient to meet the course work requirements for an additional endorsement for school library media specialist.

7. How do I obtain an additional endorsement in world languages?

If candidates begin their world language course work at the basic/introductory level, they would need to complete the following:

- a minimum of 24 semester hours of credit in a specific world language;
- three semester hours of credit in language acquisition; and,
- three semester hours of credit in methods of teaching a world language.

If candidates begin their world language course work at the intermediate level, they would need to complete the following:

- a minimum of 18 semester hours of credit in a specific world language;
- three semester hours of credit in language acquisition; and,
- three semester hours of credit in methods of teaching a world language.

If candidates begin their world language course work at the advanced level, they would need to complete the following:

- a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit in a specific world language;
- three semester hours of credit in language acquisition; and,
- three semester hours of credit in methods of teaching a world language.

8. Other than completing formal course work requirements to obtain a world language endorsement, are there any other options, such as passing a test, in lieu of course work?

The Bureau of Certification and Professional Development is using the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages – Oral Proficiency Interview (ACTFL-OPI) to determine a language proficiency equivalent to waive the 24 semester hours of credit in a language which is required for cross endorsement. Please be aware that this examination does not waive the language acquisition and methods courses for an additional endorsement in world languages.

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9. What is the passing score of the ACTFL-OPI?

The passing score to waive the 24 semester hours of credit requirement is “Advanced Mid”.

10. How do I obtain an additional endorsement in bilingual education?

Please contact the Bureau of Certification and Professional Development via e-mail: teacher.cert@po.state.ct.us, via fax: 860--8929, and request that a bilingual fact sheet be mailed to you.

11. Are there any approved course lists available for cross endorsement purposes?

We have approved course lists for cross endorsement purposes for elementary education, middle school education, bilingual education, TESOL, health education, history/social studies and elementary foreign language. Please contact the Bureau of Certification and Professional Development via e-mail: teacher.cert@po.state.ct.us, fax: 860-566-8929, to request a cross endorsement list.